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Collection and Remittance of Nonpartisan Judicial Offices Filing Fees

Pursuant to Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution and Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-10-101 et. seq.

“Nonpartisan judicial office” means the offices of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge, and district judge.

The filing fee for the offices of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, and circuit judge shall be made payable to the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund” and paid to the Secretary of State at the time of filing the political practices pledge. The Secretary of State shall remit the filing fees to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund.”

The filing fee for district judge shall be made payable to the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund” and paid to the county clerk at the time of filing the political practices pledge. The county clerk shall remit the filing fees to the State Board of Election Commissioners who shall remit the filing fees to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the “Judicial Filing Fee Fund.”

Pursuant to the “Rules for Nonpartisan Judicial Office Filing Fees,” the filing fees for nonpartisan judicial offices shall be based upon a percentage of the annual salary established by the General Assembly for the fiscal year in which the candidate begins serving in the office.

Justice of the Supreme Court

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2003, the annual salary for fiscal year 2004-2005 for Supreme Court Chief Justice shall be \$139,143. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of Supreme Court Chief Justice in May 2004 based upon 6% of the annual salary will be \$8,349.

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2003, the annual salary for fiscal year 2004-2005 for Supreme Court Associate Justice shall be \$128,669. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of Supreme Court Associate Justice in May 2004 based upon 6% of the annual salary will be \$7,720.

Judge of the Court of Appeals

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2003, the annual salary for fiscal year 2004-2005 for Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be \$124,652. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals in May 2004 based upon 5% of the annual salary will be \$6,233.

Circuit Judge

Pursuant to Act 3 of 2003, the annual salary for fiscal year 2004-2005 for circuit judge shall be \$120,632. The filing fee for a candidate running for the office of circuit judge in May 2004 based upon 4% of the annual salary will be \$4,825.

District Judge

Pursuant to Amendment 80 to the Arkansas Constitution, all Municipal Court Judges currently in office will continue in office through December 31, 2004. Pursuant to Act 1693 of 2001, all Municipal Courts now in existence shall be known as district courts and all judges of the former courts will be known as district judges. The filing fee for candidates running for the office of district judge in May 2004 for a four (4) year term to begin January 1, 2005, will be based upon 3% of the applicable annual salary, pursuant to Act 1475 of 2003.

If you have any questions, the State Board of Election Commissioners can be reached at:

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